

**SULPHUR SPRINGS-HOPKINS COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MONDAY, February 23, 2009  
12:00 P.M.**

*A scheduled meeting and an executive session of the Sulphur Springs-Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation was held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2009 at the EDC Office at 1200 Enterprise Lane, Sulphur Springs, Texas.*

*Present: Carl Bryan, President  
Tom Sellers, Vice President  
Bobby Gillis, Sec/Treasurer  
Gene Watson*

*Absent: Clay Walker*

*Staff: Roger Feagley, Executive Director  
Carol Reid, Assistant*

*Guests: (none)*

*Media: (no media)*

**CALL TO ORDER**

*President Carl Bryan called the scheduled meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON January 26, 2009**

*President Bryan requested from the board a motion to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on January 26, 2009. Tom Sellers moved to approve the minutes and Bobby Gillis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.*

**REPORT FROM BAWCUM & PREUSS COVERING EDC FINANCIAL for January 2009**

*Mr. Bawcum was recognized by President, Carl Bryan, to give his financial report. Mr. Bawcum pointed out there had been an increase in sales tax revenue. Director Feagley referred to the Fiscal Year Comparison information behind his update that would give the figures. Director Feagley also mentioned the letter from the IRS regarding the 941 Tax payment. Mr. Bawcum stated he felt it was time for a phone call to the IRS to resolve the issue. Gene Watson noted the information regarding repayment of loan from Xtreme Structures. After some additional review, President, Carl Bryan requested a motion to approve the financial report for January, 2009. Gene Watson moved to approve the report and Tom Sellers seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TRAINING GRANT FOR OWENS FOODS**

*Director Feagley addressed the Board regarding Owens' current number of new hires and their request for the training funds. Director Feagley informed the Board of his request to the North East Texas Workforce Board for their participation in funding as well as his contact with the Regional Advanced Manufacturing Academy (RAMA) in hopes of recruiting their assistance in the funding. All parties are agreeable to participation in the funding; however, RAMA has certain guidelines and restrictions but is in the process of seeking a waiver to allow them to participate. Gene Watson inquired as to how the number of employees hired would be verified. The response from Director Feagley was the TWC report. President Bryan stated he saw no need for any action from the Board regarding this matter other than to approve the report. Tom Sellers moved to approve the report and Bobby Gillis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT**

*President Bryan inquired as to the results of Director Feagley's research on infrastructure improvement. With reference to his memo included in the Board packet, Director Feagley stated his findings had persuaded him to reconsider any infrastructure improvements at this time. President Bryan stated that perhaps they should pass and revisit this item at later date. No action was taken.*

## **REPORT OF EDC ACTIVITIES**

*Director Feagley began his update with the recent phone call from Tommy Allison, President of the Hopkins County Industrial Fund. Mr. Allison stated that he wished to pick up all files and the Industrial Fund check book. Director Feagley then proceeded with information regarding the TEDC meeting in Austin and his meeting/dinner with Mark Homer. Director Feagley relayed information regarding his visit from attorney, Larry Powers on the Raine Tank vs. Hopkins County case. He also received a phone call from Raine Tank asking about additional funding if they were to hire more people. Director Feagley also reported on his visit with Dr. Jones, President of Texas A&M-Commerce, as well as his meeting with Texas A&M Commerce staff concerning a case study program and project. Other items mentioned pertained to Project STC continuing to progress and Project Heartbeat felt our location would not be suitable for their needs.*

*Director Feagley then stated he had no other items to be discussed in executive session and unless the Board members felt a need to discuss particular subjects, he would offer to forego the executive session. President Bryan asked the board if they had any items that needed to be discussed in executive session, having none he asked for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. With all Board members in agreement, Tom Sellers moved to adjourn without going to executive session; Carl Bryan seconded and pronounced the meeting adjourned.*

*No Executive Session was held.*

## **ADJOURN**

*Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.*